

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1252

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bruce Niven upon being named Milan's 2005 Man of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Bruce Niven, who was recently named Man of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Niven, a native of Guelph, Ontario, was enticed to move from Canada to Milan, Tennessee, by a former business colleague, John Newman, who offered him a spot on his management team; accepting the position required the Niven family to make a "bold and gutsy move" to Tennessee in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Niven is Vice President and Chief Infrastructure Officer for American Ordnance, the managing contractor at the Milan arsenal, and was honored at the March 23 Chamber of Commerce banquet as Milan's 2005 Man of the Year, the 47th man so honored by the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, letters of recommendation for the award described Mr. Niven as, "honest, forthright, a man of integrity, a loving husband, a devoted father, a leader in his church, his profession, and the community"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with American Ordnance, Bruce Niven still finds time to lend his talents to such worthy civic organizations as the Rotary Club, the Milan Endowment for Growth in Academics, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Partners in Education, Relay for

Life, Parents Teachers Association, Boy Scouts, Gibson County Visual Arts, and Project Graduation; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Niven is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dorothy, and his two daughters, Lisa and Ashley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Niven epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Bruce Niven for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bruce Niven for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named Milan's 2005 Man of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.